4/25/70

Dear Ed,

Thanks for your letter of the 24th and the clipping on the Gentry fiction- which is what the parts troubling you are.

Toward the end of his preparation of this ghosting, Gentry phoned me. We went into this and he left me with the impression he was satisfied this was an impossibility, was unnecessary and was entirely illogical. He promised me a set of galleys and a copy of the book. I have received neither.

But if Gentry is sincere and has anything over and above his suspicions, it can come from only the CIA, which should be enough to cast him in a special role. Powers, obviously, could have no such knowledge.

I explained to him this "special interest" business as the record shows it, not this contrived sales pitch. LHO's knowledge of codes methods, devices, etc.

Documents 931 is misquoted, thus making it more "tantelizing". He leaves out the word "classified" relating to information.

The next paragraph reflects faithful reproduction of what I told him in this regard. I now see you knew about "classified". I read your letter earlier and now respond when I have time.

Do not worry about this. The public is so systematically misinformed, another will make no great difference. Worry, instead, about the state of a society in which such writing is given the widest distribution, syndication having already begun, while solid works can not get printed.

Sincerely,